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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Bakersfield – BPD Initiates Gang Violence Enforcement Operation

(U) The Country Boy Crips, a known Bakersfield area gang, has been involved as either suspects or victims in 56 shootings since 2016. Operation Deep South, which took place during the early morning of 17 December resulted in 35 arrests. In addition, 15 illegal firearms, 3 assault weapons, and narcotics were seized.

SOURCE: 17 December 2019, [ABC 23](#)

(U) San Diego – California Leads US in Methamphetamine and Fentanyl Border Seizures

(U) More than 60 percent of methamphetamine seized by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) across the country came through California ports, according to data from the agency. During the 2019 fiscal year, which ended 30 September, CBP agents in California seized more than 80,000-pounds of methamphetamine at the border. That figure accounted for 63-percent of all methamphetamine seized by CBP agents nationwide this year and represented a 66-percent increase from the amount of methamphetamine seized in California during the last fiscal year.

SOURCE: 17 December 2019, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Discovers Large Human Smuggling Attempt

(U) Laredo – Border Patrol agents encountered a commercial tractor trailer holding more than 70 people inside. The group consisted of both male and female subjects, illegally present in the US from the countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico. The subjects were outfitted with marked shirts that appear to assist the trafficking organization in classifying and identifying the individuals within the group. The driver, a US Citizen, and the illegal aliens were placed under arrest, pending investigation.

SOURCE: 17 December 2019, [CBP Press Release](#)

(U) Texas – No Bond for Former-Mexican Official Charged with Bribery

(U) Dallas – A US judge has ordered Genaro Garcia Luna, 51, a former Mexican government official responsible for public security, to remain held without bond on charges he accepted millions of dollars in bribes to help the Sinaloa drug cartel operate with “impunity.” Federal

prosecutors charged him with drug trafficking conspiracy and making false statements. Prosecutors have said the Sinaloa cartel bribed Garcia Luna throughout his time in government to ensure safe passage for its drugs, obtain information about rival cartels, and Mexican probes into its activities.

SOURCE: 17 December 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida – County Sheriff's Office Victim of 'Ransomware' Incident

(U) St. Lucie – The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office has taken down much of its computer network following a “ransomware incident,” the agency stated on 17 December 2019. “Our IT Department has confirmed this to be a ransomware incident” the agency stated on social media. The agency said the incident has not impacted 911 calls and emergency services. Some functions, such as jail visitation and phone calls, sheriff's office emails, fingerprinting and background checks, and criminal histories have been affected. Officials said they will not pay a ransom.

SOURCE: 17 December 2019, [TCPalm](#)

(U) Minnesota – Tnuza Hassan Assessed Competent to Stand Trial on Terror Charges

(U) St. Paul – In federal court on 17 December 2019, Hassan was cleared to face charges for attempting to provide material support to foreign terrorists, arson, and making false statements. She has pleaded not guilty in the case. Dr. Correa, the forensic psychologist assessing Hassan's mental state, said she believes Hassan is now mentally competent. Hassan is accused of setting several small fires on St. Catherine's campus. No one was injured, but one occurred inside a residence hall where 33 children were present at a daycare at the time, according to the indictment.

SOURCE: 17 December 2019, [StarTribune](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Portugal – Eight Portuguese Men Charged with Fighting for ISIS in Syria

(U) Lisbon – Prosecutors in Portugal said they were bringing terror charges against eight Portuguese men suspected of fighting for the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) in Syria. Prosecutors said in a statement the men were suspected of involvement in the 2012 kidnapping by the group of British war correspondent John Cantlie and Dutch photographer Jeroen Oerlemens. The case was opened in 2013 after Portuguese authorities received information about the kidnappings from British authorities. Over the past six-years investigators have traced the radicalization and movements of the men.

SOURCE: 18 December 2019, [Associated Press](#)

(U) South Korea – Industrial Cyber-Espionage Campaign Targets Hundreds of Companies

(U) Seoul – Hundreds of industrial companies are currently the targets of cyber-espionage activity from an advanced threat actor. The adversary uses a new version of an older info-stealer to extract sensitive data and files. The attacker uses spear-phishing emails with malicious attachments often disguised as PDF files. Separ is the malware of choice, which steals login data from browsers and email clients, also hunting for various types of documents and images. The industrial cyber-espionage campaign has compromised at least 200 systems in multiple countries. Almost 60% of the victims are in South Korea, including manufacturers of steel, pipes and valves, an engineering company, and a chemical plant construction company. Companies in other countries that fit the same activity profile have also been hit.

SOURCE: 17 December 2019, [BleepingComputers](#)

(U) Spain – Police Launch Anti-Terrorism Operation, Make Arrests

(U) Madrid – Two people have been arrested in connection with an anti-terror operation in Madrid, Spain. Policia Nacional raided a property in the suburb of Parla, where two people were detained in connection with jihadist inspired terrorism. The national security level was raised over the current festive period, as security services heightened their operations.

SOURCE: 17 December 2019, [Reuters](#)

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